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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the

BASINGSTOKE RURAL DISTRICT

for the year 1946.

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ROTHERWICK,

June 1947.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my report for the year 1946.

STATISTICS.

Population - 15,360.

		Total	Male	Female	
Live Births	Legitimate	288	135	153	Birth Rate - 20.5 (Eng. & Wales) - 19.1
	Illegitimate	27	19	8	
Still Births		6			Rate per 1,000 total births - 18
Deaths		138	77	61	Death Rate - 9. (Eng. & Wales) - 11.5

Death rate of infants under 1 year per 1,000 live births - 27
(Eng. & Wales) 43

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES.

	Notified	Admitted to Hospital.
Scarlet Fever	17	2
Pneumonia	10	-
Erysipelas	3	-
Diphtheria	-	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	2	-
Measles	2	-
Whooping Cough	12	-
Dysentery	1	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	-
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	2	2
Polio-myelitis	1	1

Tuberculosis - Respiratory - 11
Other forms - 3

Tuberculosis Deaths - Respiratory 3
Other forms 1

Diphtheria Immunisation was continued: 203 children under five years received this treatment.

The amount of infectious disease was less than the average, which was fortunate, because staff shortage at the Borough Isolation Hospital continued to cause difficulty.

WATER.

It is estimated that 35% of the dwelling houses in the District are connected to a water main: standpipes are not numerous.

The Parishes without main water are :- Bramley, Deane, Hartley Wespall, Nutley, Popham, Sherfield-on-Loddon, Steventon, Stratfield Turgis, Woodmancott.

The Council are at present engaged on schemes for extensions which will make piped supplies available generally over the District.

Samples of the private piped supplies have given satisfactory results on analysis. The water of the Mid-Wessex Company has not been sampled in this District.

SEWERAGE.

On the instruction of the Public Health Committee I presented a report on the question of the provision of sewers and sewage disposal works in the Rural District; the principal recommendations made therein were:-

1. Old Basing and Sherborne St. John. The Scheme for sewering these Parishes, prepared before the War, should be revived.

2. Sherfield-on-Loddon and Bramley. These Parishes should be surveyed by an Engineer and a report made on the possibility of including them in the Old Basing Scheme or in a separate Scheme.

HOUSING STATISTICS.

New houses under construction on 31st December:-

Private Building - 57.

Council " - 8.

Housing Statistics - contd.,

In addition, 15 huts under the Council's control, and 5 under private control, were occupied.

Rural Housing Survey.

On the 31st December 1,610 houses had been surveyed.

444 (Category 1) were found fit in all respects.

102 (Category 5) were found in such a state as to be beyond repair at reasonable cost.

The remainder need repairs of varying extent.

Approximately 1,900 houses remain to be surveyed.

Yours faithfully,

M. AVENT,

Medical Officer of Health.